got respect for you people (laughter). But I am not going to withdraw what I had said previously, viz., that the Congress Members know full well that Prohibtion had been a failure. They had expressed it in clear language outside. In the dining hall, in the open space outside, they say so. But they fear to say so in open House before the Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari or the Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam." (Cheers.)

SRI S. RAMASAMY NAIDU :—" Is the hon. Member saying that Prohibition has been a failure from his own personal experience? Or is he expressing public opinion?"

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" Perhaps the hon. Member is imagining I am a drunkard. (Laughter.) I may tell him that it is seven years since I left off drinking on the advice of my doctor." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" He himself has proved that Prohibition has been a success, Sir." (Laughter.)

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" Whatever comments I have got to make in respect of the several demands, I shall reserve when the Demands come up for discussion before the House. Suffice it for me to say that this Budget is without any imagination, without any plan. I consider it, therefore, to be of no use for the betterment of the lot of the poor people of this State."

III.—THAKKAR BABA VIDYALAYA, INFORMATION *RE* LOCK-OUT OF HOSTEL INMATES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I think the Hon. Minister for Harijan Welfare wanted to say something in respect of the hunger-strike of the students of Thakkar Baba Vidyalaya, Theagarayanagar. Dots the hon. Minister propose to speak on it now?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. This morning when I answered a short-notice question I told the House, in fact I gave an undertaking more or less, that I was still pursuing the matter and I hoped to effect an amicable settlement. Let me inform the hon. Members now that a satisfactory settlement has been arrived at. I have been informed by my office that owing to the endeavour of the officers concerned as well as the good offices of my friends in the Opposition that an amicable settlement has been effected and that the boys are now going to the hostel. Let me tell hon. Members that the boys are going to have a hearty meal tonight." (Cheers.)

II.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1954-55—*cont.*

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Sri Ramasami Naidu may **now** speak. I hope that he would **finish** before **5 o'clock.**"

4–50 p.m. * SRI S. RAMASWAMY NAIDUY ;—" கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, பத்து நிமிஷத்திற்குள் வரவு செலவுத் திட்டத்தின் பொது விவா